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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 11, 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on December 11, 2007 has been fully considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

- Claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended.
- Claims 7-14 have been cancelled.
- New claim 15 are added
- Claims 1, 3-6 and 15 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the system" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1, 3-6 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsai US. Patent No. 6839741.

In referring to claim 3, Tsai shows,
Not only store location information but also transfer method information indicating a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means are added to the electronic mail:
(col. 4, lines 14-26 and col. 5, lines 16-25).

In referring to claim 4, Arnold in view of Tanaka shows,
The attached file separating means, attached file transferring means, and store location information adding means are implemented as exit programs on an electronic mail server: Tsai, Figure 4 and 5 shows the attached file separating means, attached file transferring means, and store location information adding means are implemented as exit programs on an electronic mail server)

As per claim 1, 5 and 6, Tsai teaches an electronic mail system for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver (fig. 5 and abstract), the system comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, in the case of a store location information of an external server, a user account of the external server, and a password of the user account of the external server being added to electronic mail sent from the sender (col. 4, lines 39-60 fig. 3A and fig. 5);

an attached file from the external server of location shown by the store location information of the external server using the user account of the external server and the password of the external server, the external server being connected outside of a network protected from outside (col. 4, lines 39-60 and col. 5, lines 20-25. See fig. 5 external server 30);

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of the attached file being added to the electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail (col. 3, lines 11-22);

transfer management information removing means for removing the store location information of the external server, the user account of the external server, and the password of the external server from the electronic mail (col. 6, lines 11-34);

transfer management information storing means storing, in advance by a user, the transfer management information including a store location information of an internal server, a user

account of the internal server, and a password of the account of the internal server, the internal server being connected inside of the network (col. 5, lines 26-54 and fig. 5);

log-in account adding means for adding a second user account of the internal server and a password of the account of the internal server, to the electronic mail by referring to the transfer management information (col. 5, lines 26-54 and fig. 3A and 3B recipient of the internal LAN accesses attached files using his login credentials such as user id and password);

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the external server by the attached file retrieving means to the internal server using the user account of the internal server and the password of the account of the internal server by referring to the transfer management information, to enable a user to refer to the attached file transferred by logging in at the internal server (col. 6, lines 44-67 and col. 4, lines 51-63 recipient accesses the attachment file based on access right and credentials provided in the notification); and

store location information adding means for adding store location information indicating a location where the attached

file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail (col. 4, lines 51-63).

Regarding claim 15, this is a method claim with similar limitations as claims 1, 5 and 6 above. Therefore it rejected with the same rationale.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Bargadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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